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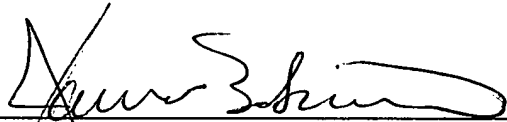
Applicant has amended the description to identify the application entitled "Hook and Loop Fastening", filed March 14, 2001, which is incorporated by reference on page 20, line 26 and to update the application numbers provided on page 12, lines 30 and 32 to their corresponding patent number. No new matter has been added. Claim 14 has been amended to incorporate the suggested term "claim." Applicants believe the application is now in condition for allowance.

Please apply any charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050, attorney reference 05918-213001.

Respectfully submitted,

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